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## NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



In Chicago and parts of the Eastern region, prices were unchanged to higher on mediums. Elsewhere, prices were unchanged. The market tone ranged steady to fully steady, and medium eggs continued in the strongest position. Demand was mostly moderate to fairly good at times, and was often improved, especially where weekend promotional activity was a factor. Supplies of large eggs were usually adequate to available, and mediums ranged adequate to occasionally tight. Breaking stock supplies were adequate from regular sources, and demand for additional eggs was generally no better than moderate. Light type hens were fully adequate to ample for immediate needs.

**NORTH ATLANTIC** In Philadelphia, mediums were unchanged to 1 cent higher and the balance of prices and areas remained unchanged. The market tone was fully steady for the lighter weight eggs and steady for the heavier weight eggs. Demand was light to moderate, mostly moderate, best where featured. Supplies were close for the lighter weights and adequate to available for the heavier weights. Breaking stock offerings from regular sources were adequate for the usually light demand. Spent hen availability was fully adequate for slaughter needs.

**NEW YORK** Prices increased 1 cent for mediums and remained unchanged for extra large and large. The market tone was fully steady for mediums, steady for the larger sizes. Demand was fair to fairly good. Supplies were close for mediums and adequate to available for the larger sizes.

**MIDWEST** Prices were up 5 cents on mediums in Chicago and unchanged on the balance compared to Tuesday. Prices to producers in Iowa-Minnesota-Wisconsin increased 2 cents on mediums and unchanged on the balance from Tuesday. Prices in all other areas were unchanged compared to Tuesday's reported prices. Trade sentiment was steady for the larger sizes and fully steady for the light weight eggs. Retail and food service demand was fair to fairly good with some improvement expected from the upcoming holiday. Supplies were about adequate for the larger sizes and tight for the balance. Nest run breaking stock prices were unchanged compared to Tuesday's prices. Offerings were usually adequate for the mostly moderate trading and demand. Finished product demand was fairly good to good with some breakers working extra hours. Trade sentiment steady.

**CHICAGO** Medium prices up 2 cents, balance unchanged. Trade sentiment steady on large, fully steady on mediums. Retail and food service demand moderate to occasionally good with additional improvement expected for the holiday weekend. Supplies of larger sizes adequate, mediums adequate to barely adequate.

**SOUTHERN** Prices continued unchanged to slightly higher on mediums, unchanged on the balance. The market tone was fully steady mediums, generally steady on the larger sizes. Asking prices for next week's deliveries were ranging higher on medium eggs, but unchanged on the larger sizes. Demand was mostly moderate to occasionally good, and was usually improved where promotional activity had increased entering the weekend. Supplies of the larger sizes remained adequate to available, and mediums were usually adequate to instances close. Breaking stock supplies were adequate from regular sources, and demand for additional eggs was usually light. Light type hens were fully adequate to ample for current needs.

**WEST COAST** Prices unchanged. Trade sentiment generally steady with asking prices for next week unchanged on all sizes in California and the Northwest. Retailer demand was moderate, best where featured. Offerings generally adequate.

**PRICES TO RETAILERS** - SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, GRADE A AND US GRADE A WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED STORE DOOR OR WAREHOUSE, CENTS PER DOZEN.

NORTHEAST CITIES	EXTRA LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM
Boston (Brown)	98-100	88-90	54-56
New York	66-68	63-66	42-45
Philadelphia	64-66	62-64	36-42

### **SOUTHERN CITIES**

Atlanta (1) (2)	56-57	54.5-56	30-31
Jackson (1)	70-71	63-64	39-40
Major Louisiana Cities (1)	67-76	60-74	36-50

### **MIDWEST CITIES**

Chicago	54-59	53-58	35-40
Detroit (2)	51-54	50-53	26-29
Major Ohio Cities (2)	52-57	51-55	27-32
Major Wisconsin Cities	55-66	53-60	30-37

### **WESTERN CITIES**

Houston (1)	75-77	68-71	42-44
Southern California(Grade AA)(4)	78-90	73-80	54-60
California (Grade AA) (1) (3)	94	83	64

(1) - Prices Reported Weekly (3) - Reported Invoice Prices

(2) - Delivered Warehouse (4) - Prices To Retailers

**CALIFORNIA** Prices were unchanged. The market tone was steady with asking prices for next week unchanged on all sizes. Retailer demand was moderate, best by independent chains where features were in progress. Offerings generally adequate. Small invoice price 44. Ads noted in dozens: major chains - none; small chains - jumbo 109, extra large 99, large 79-99, mediums 59 and 18 count 77.

**PRICES INVOICE, USDA GRADE AA AND GRADE AA, IN CARTONS, CENTS PER DOZEN.**

	RANGE
JUMBO	120
EXTRA LARGE	94
LARGE	83
MEDIUM	64

### **SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA:**

**PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA GRADE AA AND GRADE AA, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED STORE DOOR, CENTS PER DOZEN.**

	RANGE
JUMBO	107-117
EXTRA LARGE	78-90
LARGE	73-80
MEDIUM	54-60

**PRICES TO CONSUMERS MAJOR CHAINS, METROPOLITAN AREA, USDA GRADE AA AND GRADE AA, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, CENTS PER DOZEN.**

	RANGE
JUMBO	229-289
EXTRA LARGE	219-279
LARGE	199-209
MEDIUM	187-205

**CENTRAL STATES BREAKING STOCK** Prices were unchanged. Trading and demand was mostly moderate with offerrings usually adequate for current breaking needs. Finished product demand ranged from fairly good to good and many breakers were working extended schedules. Trade sentiment steady. PRICES PAID TO 11:00 A.M., MATERIAL EXCHANGED, 30 DOZEN CASE EQUIVALENT, 48 LB. MINIMUM NET WEIGHT, DELIVERED TO BREAKERS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
NEST RUN	31-34	32-34
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	18-20	19
CENTRAL STATES AREA:		
AR,CO,IA,IL,IN,KS,LA,MI,MN,MO,NM,ND,NE,OH,OK,SD,TX,WI		

**EASTERN REGION BREAKING STOCK** Prices continued unchanged. The market tone was cautiously steady. Demand was usually light. Supplies were adequate from regular sources. Cases broken under federal inspection in the Eastern region for the week ending August 21, 1999 were 1% less than last week, and 3% less than the same week last year. Breaking schedules were normal to overtime.

PRICES MATERIAL EXCHANGED, 30 DOZEN CASE EQUIVALENT, 48 LB. MINIMUM NET WEIGHT, DELIVERED TO BREAKERS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	RANGE
NEST RUN	30-34
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	16-20
EASTERN REGION AREA:	
AL,CT,DE,FL,GA,KY,ME,MD,MA,MS,NH,NJ,NY,NC,PA,RI,SC,TN,VT,VA,WV	

#### EGGS PROCESSED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

WEEK ENDING 21-AUG-99

	(LBS IN THOUSANDS)		(EXCLUDES INGREDIENTS)			
	CASES BROKEN	LIQUID WHOLE	LIQUID WHITE	LIQUID YOLK	DRIED	INED.
CW	1,191,186	27,480	11,734	6,135	2,525	3,778
PW	1,183,209	27,314	10,734	5,960	2,393	3,674
LY	1,088,132	24,991	10,441	5,518	2,510	3,482
% PW	1	1	9	3	6	3
% LY	9	10	12	11	1	9
1999	36,123,466	836,378	347,562	189,848	85,718	113,871
1998	34,725,965	785,853	349,764	186,598	86,851	112,507

AVERAGE YIELD PER CASE -			
CURRENT	PREVIOUS	LAST	
WEEK	WEEK	YEAR	
41.24	40.30	40.83	

**NATIONAL LIQUID EGGS** Pasteurized whites reported at 34.5 cents FOB. Pasteurized salt yolk noted at 48 cents FOB. Prices paid cents per lb., FOB Plant to 10:00AM Friday 27 August, 1999 non-pasteurized trucklot. For delivery within 14 days.

CLASS	LOADS	RANGE	WTD. AVG.	CHANGE FROM LAST WEEK
WHOLE	12	30-37	34.58	1.38
WHITES	18	32-33	32.56	1.33
YOLKS	6	46-49	47.33	.08

**EASTERN REGION FROZEN EGGS** Yolk products were unchanged to higher, and all other products were generally unchanged. The market tone was steady to fully steady on yolks, and mostly steady on the balance. Demand was usually light and trading beyond regular contracts was quiet. Liquid and frozen eggs (ingredients included) processed under federal inspection in the Eastern region for the week ending August 21, 1999 were 4% more than last week, and unchanged compared to the same week last year. Shell egg supplies were generally adequate from regular sources.

WHOLESALE SELLING PRICES (CENTS PER POUND IN 30 LB. CONTAINERS)

	TRUCKLOTS	LTL (MIN. 25 CONT.)
	RANGE	MOSTLY
WHOLE	44-48	46-47
BLENDS (/)	TFEWR	51-65
WHITES	41-45	41-42
SUGARED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	54-60	56-58
SALTED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	53-56	53-54
(/) - WHOLE PLUS YOLK PLUS SWEETENER, GENERALLY 28-32% EGG SOLIDS.		

**CENTRAL REGION FROZEN EGGS** All prices ranged generally unchanged to slightly higher. Trade sentiment was steady for whole egg and steady to fully steady for the balance of egg products. Most buyers were usually only interested in covering immediate needs as they watched current marketing conditions. Nest run breaking stock supplies were in balance with needs, and breakers searching for heavy weight product were paying the high side of the range. WHOLESALE SELLING PRICES (CENTS PER POUND IN 30 LB. CONTAINERS)

	TRUCKLOTS	MOSTLY
	RANGE	
WHOLE	45-49	46-47
WHITES	41-44	41-43
SUGARED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	55-59	57-58
SALTED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	53-55	

**SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA FROZEN EGGS** Prices unchanged. The Southern California breaking activity for the week ending August 21st was 2 percent lower than the previous week. Breaking stocks generally adequate. Frozen demand was fair with freezer stocks adequate.

WHOLESALE SELLING PRICES, FOB SHIPPING POINT  
(CENTS PER POUND IN 30 LB. CONTAINERS)

	LTL (MIN. 25 CONT.)
	RANGE
WHOLE	51-54
WHITES	45-48
SUGARED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	60-63
SALTED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	57-60

**NATIONAL DRIED EGG REPORT** The majority of trading on whole eggs, yolks, and albumen was unchanged to slightly higher, and blends were unchanged. Trade sentiment was steady. Demand was usually light as most buyers sought product only for immediate needs. Liquid supplies were short to adequate. Dried eggs processed under federal inspection for the week ending August 21, 1999 were 6% more than last week, and 1% more than the same week a year ago.

WHOLESALE SELLING PRICES, DOLLARS PER LB., IN CONTAINERS, TRUCKLOT AND LESS-THAN-TRUCKLOT VOLUMES.

WHOLE	1.60-1.72	MOSTLY	1.60-1.65
YOLKS	1.39-1.60	MOSTLY	1.45-1.50
ALBUMEN, SPRAY, DRIED	3.10-3.40	MOSTLY	3.25-3.30
BLENDS (WHOLE PLUS SWEETENER)	1.25-1.40	MOSTLY	1.30-1.35

**TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES** WEEKLY (5-DAY) WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR 08/20/99-08/26/99

CURRENT LOADS								126.25		FUTURE LOADS				67.25		TOTAL LOADS		193.50	
SE			NE		MW		93C		NW		SW								
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS	CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS				
GNR W 1	40.20	40.17	39.75	41.67	42.00	—	42.00	GNR W 1	—	45.00	—	—	—	—	21.00				
GNR W 3	23.00	24.00	22.00	30.00	31.00	28.46	10.00	GL W XL	46.00	48.00	—	—	—	52.40	4.50				
GNR W 4	21.50	23.00	19.00	20.50	20.90	22.95	7.00	GL W LG	39.87	44.27	—	—	—	42.73	11.00				
GNR BR 1	—	59.00	55.00	56.00	—	—	3.50	GL W MD	26.13	—	—	—	—	31.08	7.00				
GL W XL	—	47.33	46.50	48.21	43.10	45.00	17.25	NRBS - 45	22.50	—	—	—	—	—	3.00				
GL W LG	38.77	41.13	44.50	46.00	35.71	—	16.50												
GL W MD	25.88	28.22	21.67	23.33	31.25	30.31	18.50												
GL W SM	15.58	17.60	15.00	17.10	—	—	7.50												
GL BR XL	—	—	—	74.00	70.00	—	.50												
GL BR MD	—	21.00	—	—	—	—	1.50												
GL BR SM	—	—	—	—	—	12.00	1.00												
NRBS - 48	—	—	32.50	34.50	33.17	33.80	37.00												
NRBS - 45	28.00	30.00	—	—	30.50	26.75	5.00												
NRBS - 42	—	—	—	—	—	—	2.00												
NRBS - 39	—	—	—	—	—	24.00	4.00												

WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES ARE LISTED FOR VARIOUS CLASSES PRICED BY ORIGIN AND/OR DESTINATION FOR 6 REGIONS. THE LOADS COLUMN REFLECTS TOTAL LOADS REPORTED AND INCLUDES LOADS WITH PRICES TO BE DETERMINED LATER. NRBS CATEGORIES REPRESENT NET WEIGHT-MATERIAL MAY OR MAY NOT BE INCLUDED. LOAD MOVEMENT REPRESENTS TOTAL MOVEMENT WITHIN 6 REGIONS.

**NORTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN**

Prices were unchanged. Offerings of light fowl continue at least fully adequate for current processing requirements. Schedules mixed. Trade sentiment about steady.

**SOUTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN**

Trading was too few to report. Demand was moderate for adequate offerings of spent hens. Finished sales were fair. Schedules were normal. Trade sentiment was about steady.

**EASTERN LIGHT**

Prices were unchanged. Demand was only fair for fully sufficient offerings. Processing schedules for next week are about normal. Undertone steady.

**WEST COAST LIGHT**

Offerings easily adequate for current needs. Plants worked desired schedules.

**LIVE HENS**

Cents per pound, generally for slaughter the following week.

<u>HEAVY</u>	<u>RANGE</u>	<u>MAJORITY</u>
Southeast Heavy	TFEWR	(1)
Southeast Heavy	TFEWR	(2)
f.o.b. plant	TFEWR	
South Central Heavy	TFEWR	(1)

<u>LIGHT</u>	<u>RANGE</u>	<u>MAJORITY</u>
Eastern Light	0-0	(1)
Eastern Light	TFEWR	(2)
So. Central Light	TFEWR	(2)
No. Central Light	TFEWR	(1)
No. Central Light	0-.5	(2)

(1) Buyer Loading (2) Producer Loading  
(TFEWR) TOO FEW TO REPORT

**SHELL EGGS-12 METRO AREA** - WEEK ENDING 27-Aug-99  
AVERAGE PRICES ON SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, GRADE A  
LARGE OR BETTER, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED  
STORE DOOR, CENTS PER DOZEN.

REGIONS	EX LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM
NORTHEAST	66.51	64.13	40.46
SOUTHERN	63.86	60.82	36.45
MIDWEST	55.44	54.00	31.36
WESTERN	86.52	77.92	57.74
TWELVE METRO AREAS	70.94	66.44	44.29
COMPUTED FROM SIMPLE WEEKLY AVERAGES WEIGHTED BY METROPOLITAN AREA POPULATIONS			

**NATIONAL CANNER FOWL**

Majority prices were unchanged on light canners, and unchanged to slightly higher on heavies. Offerings were clearing but adequate for trade needs. Demand was moderate, but buyers were still loosely watching further market developments. Undertone was steady.

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, WITHOUT FREIGHT COST

<u>LIGHT CANNER HENS</u> (LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)	<u>HEAVY CANNER HENS</u> (WITHOUT NECKS)
21.5-29 MAJORITY 25-26	32-39 MAJORITY 33-35
CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, FREIGHT COST INCLUDED	
<u>LIGHT CANNER HENS</u> (LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)	<u>HEAVY CANNER HENS</u> (WITHOUT NECKS)
25.5-29.5 MAJORITY 26-27	33-39 MAJORITY 36.25-36.5

**LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER INSPECTION** W/E 21-Aug-99

(PRELIMINARY) **U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED DOMESTICALLY**

	<u>LIGHT</u>	<u>HEAVY</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
HEAD	1,952	1,564	3,516
LAST WEEK	1,910	1,542	3,452
SAME WEEK YR AGO	2,067	1,307	3,374
TO-DATE/1999	70,830	45,199	112,513
TO-DATE/1998	69,432	41,690	107,748

**U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN CANADA**

	<u>LIGHT</u> <u>HENS</u>	<u>HEAVY</u> <u>HENS</u>	<u>TOTAL</u> <u>HENS</u>
THOUSANDS			
HEAD	354	0	354
LAST WEEK	455	7	462
SAME WEEK YR AGO	534	0	534
TO-DATE/1999	15,903	181	16,084
TO-DATE/1998	18,054	239	18,293

SOURCE: AGRICULTURE CANADA, POULTRY DEVELOPMENT  
DIVISION

**TOTAL U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN THE U.S. AND CANADA**

	<u>LIGHT</u> <u>HENS</u>	<u>HEAVY</u> <u>HENS</u>	<u>TOTAL</u> <u>HENS</u>
THOUSANDS			
HEAD	2,306	1,564	3,870
LAST WEEK	2,365	1,549	3,914
SAME WEEK YR AGO	2,601	1,307	3,908
TO-DATE/1999	86,733	45,380	128,597
TO-DATE/1998	87,486	41,929	126,041

**INSPECTED EGG PRODUCTS****U.S. Exports to Canada, in Pounds (000) (Preliminary)**

	Week Ending August 14, 1999		Year-To-Date	
Type	1999	1998 /1	1999	1998
Liquid	100	426	8,485	8,751
Frozen	0	0	6	50
Dried	0	0	384	375
Total	100	426	8,875	9,176

**U.S. Imports From Canada, in Pounds (000) (Preliminary)**

	Week Ending August 14, 1999		Year-To-Date	
Type	1999	1998 /1	1999	1998
Liquid	62	34	2,874	2,610
Frozen	3	3	185	146
Dried	0	0	166	235
Total	65	37	3,225	2,991

**Inspected Shell Eggs****U.S Exports To Canada, In 30-Dozen Cases (Preliminary)**

	Week Ending August 14, 1999		Year-To-Date	
Type	1999	1998 /1	1999	1998
Jumbo	66	61	744	958
Extra Large	1,739	840	21,879	24,357
Large	3,140	3,011	76,030	68,147
Medium	555	750	32,502	36,526
Ungraded	16,272	9,720	344,064	158,465
Misc	750	0	4,488	6,133
Total	22,522	14,382	479,707	294,586

/1 Comparable Week, to-date figures may not total due to rounding. Source: USDA/AMS Poultry Programs, Market News Branch in cooperation with Agriculture Canada, Poultry Development Division.

**DETROIT** PRICES TO FIRST RECEIVERS, CASES INCLUDED, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, 30 DOZEN CASES, WHITE EGGS LOOSE.

JUMBO	EXLARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
59-62	50-56	48-53	24-29	11-15

**IOWA-MINNESOTA-WISCONSIN** PRICES PAID TO PRODUCERS, LOOSE, AT FARM (CASES EXCHANGED, GRADE YIELD BASIS).

LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
34-36	17-19	4-6

**NEW ENGLAND** PRICES PAID TO PRODUCERS, CASES EXCHANGED, GRADE YIELD BASIS, BROWN EGGS LOOSE, AT FARM

JUMBO	EXLARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
127-130	79-82	69-72	35-38	8-11

**WEEKLY COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS-** SELECTED STGE CENTERS (INCL GOVT STOCKS) (IN THOUSANDS)

	FREGS LBS	TURKS LBS	POP LBS
AM 23-Aug-99	2,848	192,238	94,544
AM 1-Aug-99	3,203	195,480	94,776
CHG	-355	-3242	-232
PCT CHG	-11	-2	0

**MOVEMENT OF EGGS INTO RETAIL CHANNELS**

W/E 21-Aug-99

SELECTED CONSUMING CENTERS	CW THOUSANDS	PW THOUSANDS	PCT CHG PW LY
ATLANTA	29.1	29.9	-3 6
BOSTON	5.7	4.9	16 -55
CHICAGO	48.6	44.5	9 -8
DETROIT	26.8	25.6	5 6
KANSAS CITY	0.1	0.1	0 0
LOS ANGELES	90.3	85.3	6 11
NEW ORLEANS	10.5	11.9	-12 -23
NEW YORK	41.4	33.6	23 4
ST. LOUIS	14.2	12.8	11 75
SAN FRANCISCO	20.8	21.0	-1 3
TOTAL	287.5	269.6	7 2
4 WK MVG AVG	266.3		

**COMMERCIAL EGG MOVEMENT REPORT**

FOR W/E 21-Aug-99

(RECEIPTS FROM PRODUCERS)

REGIONS	CASES (IN THOUS)	PERCENT CHANGE FROM PREVIOUS WEEK	LAST YEAR
N. ATLANTIC	232.8	5	1
E.N. CENTRAL	442.6	4	5
W.N. CENTRAL	230.6	2	11
S. ATLANTIC	191.3	-2	-10
S. CENTRAL	75.4	-5	0
WEST	233.6	4	8
TOTAL	1406.3	2	3
MATCHED PLANTS REPORTING		94	94

**NEW ENGLAND WEEKLY SHELL EGG REPORT**, AUGUST 24, 1999. PRICES PAID PER DOZEN GRADE A BROWN EGGS IN CARTONS DELIVERED STORE DOOR.

	EXTRA LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
MAINE MOSTLY	112 -	102 -	68 -	41 -
NEW HAMPSHIRE MOSTLY	105-109 107-108	95-99 97-98	61-65 63-64	34-38 36-37
RHODE ISLAND MOSTLY	108-112 108	98-102 98	64-68 64	37-41 37
VERMONT MOSTLY	115 -	105 -	69-71 69	- -

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**CHICKEN AND EGGS**

U.S. egg production totaled 6.91 billion during July 1999, up 3 percent from the 6.72 billion produced in 1998. Production included 5.80 billion table eggs and 1.11 billion hatching eggs, of which 1.04 billion were broiler-type and 67.0 million were egg-type. The total number of layers during July 1999 averaged 320 million, up 4 percent from the total average number of layers during July 1998. July egg production per 100 layers was 2,159 eggs, down 1 percent from 2,175 eggs in July 1998. All layers in the U.S. on August 1, 1999, totaled 319 million, up 3 percent from a year ago. The 319 million layers consisted of 260 million layers producing table or commercial type eggs, 56.1 million layers producing broiler-type hatching eggs, and 2.80 million layers producing egg-type hatching eggs. Rate of lay per day on August 1, 1999, averaged 69.2 eggs per 100 layers, down 1 percent from the 70.2 a year ago. Laying flocks in the 30 major egg producing States produced 6.50 billion eggs during July, up 2 percent from July 1998. The average number of layers during July, at 301 million, was up 3 percent from a year earlier. Individual State estimates are available for the 30 major egg producing States. Individual State estimates for "Other States" are available annually in the "Layers and Egg Production" report. Egg-Type Chicks Hatched Down 4 Percent Egg-type chicks hatched during July totaled 34.3 million, down 4 percent from July 1998. Eggs in incubators totaled 29.5 million on August 1, 1999, up 7 percent from a year ago. Domestic placements of egg-type pullet chicks for future hatchery supply flocks by leading breeders totaled 231,000 during July 1999, down 22 percent from July 1998.